



### CHURCH SERVICES

5	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	St Mary's	Dawn
12	9.30a.m.	'My Church' Morning Worship	St Mary's	John
19	11.00a.m.	Holy Communion	All Saints	Dawn
26	9.30 a.m.	Word Service	All Saints	Dawn

### Services in Saxlingham

5<sup>th</sup> 9.30p.m. 12<sup>th</sup> 11.00a.m. 19<sup>th</sup> 9.30a.m 26<sup>th</sup> HC 8.00a.m. & 11.00a.m

### CHURCH FLOWERS

*All Saints'*-Jane Blease, South window- Ros Dix

*St Mary's*- Sheila Warne, Julia Moncrieff

### WHAT'S ON

3	Concert	7.30pm All Saints' church
7	Mobile Library	Afternoon
10	Walking group	10.30 Trinity hall
10	Shotesham Film Night Car Man	7.15pm Trinity hall
10	Bridget Jones baby - film	7.30pm Poringland
17	High Horses talk	7.30pm Trinity hall
24	Shotesham Garden Group	7.30pm Trinity hall
25	Village market	10.00-12 Trinity hall
26	Walking group	10.15am Trinity hall

All Saints church is not flying 'the flag' due to a flagpole malfunction ..normal service to be resumed as soon as possible but not until the weather warms up!

**For all up to date information and news go to [www.shotesham.com](http://www.shotesham.com)**

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**SHOTESHAM CONTACT**

**February 2017**

### Thought from Dawn

'Let it snow!'

It seems snow may well be on the way. Welcomed by some and dreaded by others. The first time I saw Shotesham All Saints – many years ago – I was told of how amazing it looked with a thick covering of snow – and how the hillside was ideal for sledging! That winter an excessively heavy snowfall covered the landscape in a duvet of sparkling crystal. It looked stunning! I haven't seen snow quite like that since. The wonders of magnification allow us to see the intricate beauty of a snowflake. Each one unique – a mind-boggling number of variations. We marvel at the work of the Creator ... A single snowflake has very little staying power. It's easily brushed off the back of our hand. It melts quickly on our lips. Yet enough of them together in one place can form a snowdrift capable of stopping traffic. Together they remain intact for days, even years at a time.

The principle of finding strength in unity can be applied to many situations of course. But it's an excellent illustration of the advantages of community for those who follow Jesus. If as Christians we spend too much time isolated from other Christians then we're in danger of making ourselves as vulnerable and fragile as a single snowflake. But strengthened and encouraged by the community of faith – the church – we can make a difference – and be equipped with staying power.

Circumstances may prevent you from attending worship every week but I encourage you – whether you're 'just exploring' or wanting to 'go deeper' to remain connected to your local congregation – church or chapel, we worship the same God!

The Lord bless you with warm hearts and homes.

**Dawn** Team Vicar dawn@tasvalley.org 01508 498924

There were record attendances at the Christmas services and carol singing. Thanks to the wonderful choir for the carol service (particularly Jenny Clark) and **Thanks to everyone** for their great generosity in donations to charity at the Christmas services. A total of £296 was sent to Save The Children for their Yemen appeal.

### **Shotesham Parish Council**

At the Parish Council meeting on the 5th of January the precept for next year was maintained at £6000. It has been kept at about this level since 2009. Pleased to report that all the finger posts for our footpaths have been installed. The range of way-posts will similarly soon be in place. The network of footpath signage will then be complete.

Highways plan to put in a new gully to pick up flooding outside no.4 Parklands on the Norwich Road, Stoke Holy Cross. They will be closing the road for 1 week, Monday 13<sup>th</sup>Feb to Friday 17<sup>th</sup>Feb .

March is the time for our annual litter pick. If you can help sometime around the weekend of March 4th and 5th can you ring Heather Jackson on 550785. Thank you. Jeff Gough- The Clerk.

### **Concert in All Saints' Church Shotesham 3rd February 7.30pm**

Award winning soprano Emma Nuule and flute duo Flute Bravda will be performing in All Saints' church Shotesham on Friday 3rd February 7.30pm. Come along to hear some of your favourite arias and songs from stage and screen. Tickets £9 to include interval drink.

To book tickets ring Pat on 01508 550672 [hill.cottage@btinternet.com](mailto:hill.cottage@btinternet.com) or Jane on 01508 558787 [janeblease@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:janeblease@hotmail.co.uk) or John 01508 499541  
More information about Emma can be found on her website [www.emmanuule.com](http://www.emmanuule.com)

### **Film Night at The Trinity Friday February 10th 7.15pm Film:**

**The Car Man** Recorded Live, On Screen 2015.(98mins)  
Dance musical By Mathew Bourne loosely based on Bizets popular opera Carmen. **tickets £8 not to be missed!**  
**Bookings Raz 550122 [razwoollacott@gmail.com](mailto:razwoollacott@gmail.com)**

### **Walking Group.**

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 10th: Martyn and Fabienne to lead a walk around the Rockland and Surlingham area with a lunch/drink stop. Meet at 10.15 a.m. at Trinity for lift share.

SUNDAY 26th FEBRUARY: Tom Higgin to lead a walk around Long Stratton. Meet at The Trinity at 10.15 a.m.for lift share.

**Poringland Community Cinema** Friday 10th February  
Bridget Jones's baby (15) Tickets £5

**Shotesham Village Association** is very pleased to announce that the amazing total donated to the East Anglian Children's Hospice was £938.80. Collections were made at the Tin Heart Troubadours concert, the Village Supper and Sketch Show and Christmas Eve carol singing. Thank you all for your generous contributions.

### **High Horses Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm at Trinity hall**

Horseman, John Labouchere, will be giving an interesting talk and slide show about his Andean Adventure. A year long, five thousand mile trek across the Andes on horseback. For details see the village web site [www.shotesham.com](http://www.shotesham.com)  
**ALL WELCOME. Entry £5 to include a glass of wine.**

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm again at Trinity Hall the Association ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.** This year will be seeing some of our long-standing members resigning from the Committee to make way for new blood. If you would like to get involved, or know someone who is interested, nomination forms are available from Bernie Fenn [floracot@btinternet.com](mailto:floracot@btinternet.com). Please come along and support the Committee and put forward your ideas for future events. More details will be posted on the website and via email. **The Village Web site** is a great place to keep up with events in Shotesham. If you aren't a regular user, why not give it a go!

### **Village Market February 25th 10am-12 Trinity Hall**

Stalls: local pork, honey, cakes, craft items. Pickles, marmalade. Jewellery, cards. Come and join us for a cuppa, sausage roll or cake proceeds to 'The Nelson Journey' charity.

Last year for the charity East Anglian Air Ambulance we made £320.

**Shotesham Gardening Group** welcome everyone to a meeting in the Trinity Hall on **Friday February 24th** at 7.30pm.

Shelagh Ashe will give a talk on "A Shrub for every Situation", so that we can plan and then plant them later in the spring. She has been a very knowledgeable and interesting speaker on two previous occasions.

£3 per person to cover costs. Any queries to [gill.tewson@btinternet.com](mailto:gill.tewson@btinternet.com)

### **A Trades' Directory for Shotesham with small personal ads**

Issued twice a year. Next issue will be with April 'Contact'. The fee for a trade entry is £10.00 per year for both issues or £3.00 to place a small personal ad. To advertise please contact Pat Harris 01508 550672 or [hill.cottage@btinternet.com](mailto:hill.cottage@btinternet.com). The entry should be up to 3 lines on A5 at this sized text (extra fee for more lines) Entries by **10<sup>th</sup> March** please to be included in April directory.

*Emma Nuule  
& Flute Bravada  
concert*

*Friday 3rd February 7.30pm  
All Saints' Church, Shotesham*



*Award winning soprano singing some of your favourites  
Also featuring the flute duo Flute Bravada  
Tickets £9 including interval drink  
Proceeds to 'Hope into Action' which supports homeless people in  
Norwich*

*To book ring 07803617372 or 01508 499541*

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